

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of Your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive You in this meal as You pour out Your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

COMMUNION

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***Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

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"I Am the Bread of Life"

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Embodied God, at Your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to Your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with Your love. Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***SENDING HYMN**

"I'll Fly Away"

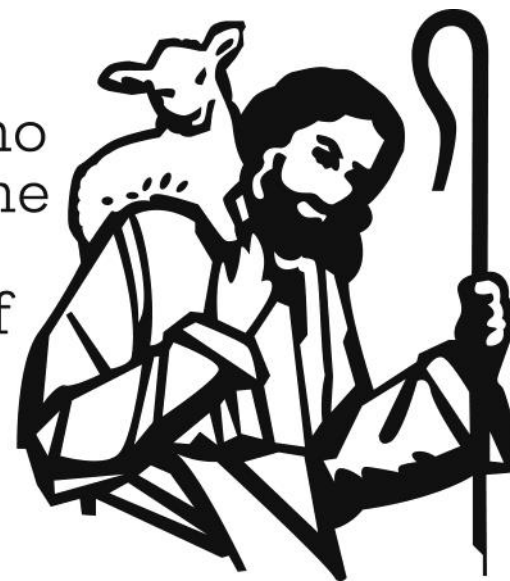


"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want."

Psalm 23:1, NRSV

The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

JOHN 10:2



*Welcome to
Worship at Bethel*

*Sunday, April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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*"A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love."*

**: Please stand if you are able.
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WOV: With One Voice (blue)*

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

"We Gather"

*GATHERING HYMN

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

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*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*HYMN OF MERCY

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: God of all power, You called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

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PSALM

Psalm 23

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The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

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*GOSPEL VERSE

"Alleluia"

*GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

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SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy....**hear our prayer**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

"Thy Holy Wings"

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